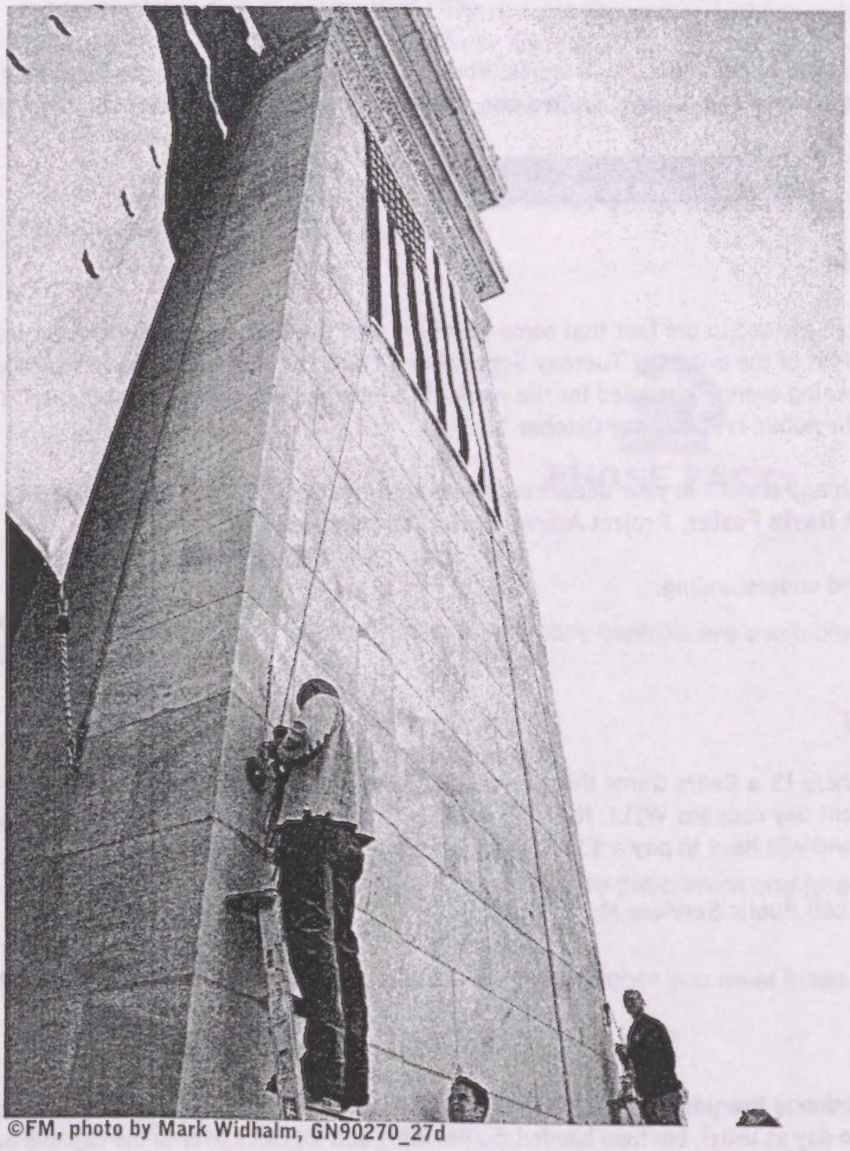
The Field Museum

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
September 21, 2001



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See inside for resources for responding to the tragedy of September 11. These include information about how to post your thoughts on the Museum's new online bulletin board on Intranet 1 (E-board).

FIELD NOTES

September 21-28

Staff/Volunteer Events

Safety and Security Week (See inside)

World Music Festival

Unity Day, September 22

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor

Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m. FP&O Conference Room.

Public/Campus Events

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- **In her hands–continues**
- **Cheyenne Visions–continues**
- **Julie Taymor–continues**
- **Insects–continues**

The Natural News is published by the Human Resources Department.

Submissions can be emailed to Mark Schmeltzer (mschmeltzer@fmnh.org) Or delivered to him via interoffice mail to the Office of Institutional Advancement. The deadline for next week's issue is WEDNESDAY, September 26 at NOON.

The Field Museum salutes Pawnee Earth Lodge volunteer **Rita Rivera-Wyers** who has been called to active duty in the Navy reserves.

Mary Ann Bloom,
Education

E-Board: New online bulletin board on Intranet1

A new online bulletin board is now available on Intranet 1. The 'E-Board' allows Museum staff to engage in online discussions. A one-page user guide for the E-Board can be found in this issue.

You can access the E-Board from the Intranet home page [http://intranet1], and once you have registered, you can start posting!

Right now there are several discussion folders on various topics. You can use the forum to post questions and tap the knowledge of the whole Museum, or you can place classified ads, share documents, or even start your own debate.

Cleopatra Opening on Schedule

The Exhibitions Department has been alerted to the fact that some Museum staff have asked whether the *Cleopatra* exhibition will open as planned in light of the events of Tuesday September 11 and the subsequent concerns regarding international security. All of the opening events scheduled for the week of October 15 will proceed as planned. The exhibition is scheduled to open to the public on Saturday October 20.

Please share this information with any and all in your department who are impacted. If you have any specific questions please feel free to contact **David Foster**, Project Administrator, at extension 7373.

Thanks to all for your patience and understanding.

Kelly Heiple,
Exhibitions

Bears Game and Staff Parking

This is a reminder to all staff that there IS a Bears Game this Sunday, September 23 at 12 p.m. Monthly hang tags, daily employee coupons and non-event day coupons WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED in any Soldier Field Lot. Staff should park in the Adler Planetarium Lot and will have to pay a $15.00 fee. This applies during all Bears games.

If you have any questions, please call Public Services at ext. 7911.

Amy Blodgett,
Public Services

Thanks

A heartfelt thanks and much appreciation to everyone who helped with the Board of Trustees and committee meetings on Monday, September 10. I planned the day as usual, but then handed the planning and logistics over to the capable hands of **Tori Geisel** as I was at a family wedding in New York City that weekend (luckily, we returned Monday afternoon). Tori was assisted by **Julie Baker**, **Adonya Collins**, and **Karsten Lawson** who helped with the committee meetings.

Thanks also to **Carlita Wilds**, **Audio Visual**, especially **Ron Hall** and **Mentee Teah**, **Housekeeping**, **Protection Services**, and **Guest Relations**. Everyone made sure things ran smoothly—many thanks!

Nancy DeDakis
General Counsel's Office

Medallion School Partnerships

Starting this Fall, Medallion School Partnerships will begin providing a School Holiday Child Care program for all staff members. This program will be offered on four School Holidays, as well as possible days during the Winter Break. The four Holidays are:

Veteran's Day-November 12, 2001
President's Day-February 18, 2002
Pulaski Day-March 4, 2002
Good Friday-March 29, 2002

In order to sign up for the first day, you must fill out a registration form by October 1, 2001 and return it to the Human Resources department. We encourage you to sign up for all four programs at one time. If you do so, we will implement payroll deductions so that you may pay for all four days by December 1, 2001. We will also accept sign ups for the later days at a later time. The cost per program is $50 per child, per day, but the museum will supplement 50% of the cost, only charging you $25 per day, per child.

You may pick up a registration packet in the Human Resources department, but do so soon, as October 1st is fast approaching.

If you are interested in a program over the Winter Break, please contact **Heather Metz** in Human Resources at extension 7275 with your dates of interest.

Heather Metz,
Human Resources

PHONE FACTS

"Bulletin Broadcasts"

Most message review functions and all playback controls are available during review of "Bulletin Broadcasts"

During review:
- To skip bulletin (press #)
- To skip all bulletins (press # #)

After reviewing each bulletin:
- To save (press 9)
- To listen to next bulletin without responding to the current one (press #)

At the end of bulletin session:
- To delete all bulletins (press 7) – remember you must listen to the entire bulletin before you can delete it.
- To skip all bulletins (press #)

If your mailbox is full, you may receive a Bulletin Broadcast, but you will not be able to save it until you free space by deleting unneeded messages.

If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Anita.

Anita L. Purnell,
Telephone Administrator

A COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACE

In these times of tragedy and uncertainty, we hope you find solace and strength in reflecting on the enduring human spirit and the common bonds that unite us all.

The Field Museum opened its doors free-of-charge this past Saturday and Sunday and greeted visitors with the above message in the wake of the terrible events of September 11, 2001. Many came to spend time in the exhibitions, and over 300 people participated in the open town meeting held each day.

Our Museum community pulled together exceptionally quickly—and exceptionally well—as staff from Academic Affairs, Public Relations, Education, Public Services (Guest Services, Security, and Housekeeping), Institutional Advancement, Exhibitions, Marketing & Communication and Information Services (A-V) did all it took to open the Museum as a safe haven and present a timely public program.

The word that the Museum is here as a Community Gathering Place spread with the help of Public Relations and terrific media coverage of our free hours and town meetings. Academic Affairs & Education worked together to assemble remarkable panels for the two Town Meetings. Panelists included:

Alaka Wali, Jim Phillips & Jonathan Haas, from The Field Museum
Robert Khoury, Co-President, Genesis at the Crossroads
Mark Mattaini, Social Work Program, Jane Addams UIC
Laura Washington, Editor & Publisher, *The Chicago Reporter* & Field Museum Board of Trustees
Reuben Hedlund, Former Chairman of the Chicago Planning Commission
Mara Tapp, radio personality, Moderator

The Town Meeting was "announced" in Stanley Field Hall by John McCarter and a brief concert by 100 members of the Chicago Children's Choir who then led a procession to the gathering in Simpson Theater. Before discussion began, the Chicago String Quartet played two beautifully appropriate selections. Remarks from the stage and from the audience were notable for their thoughtfulness as people struggled to place Tuesday's events in historical perspective; discussed the history and anthropology of the Middle East; wondered about evil, security, victimization and other complexities of human existence; and asked, "What are the root causes" and "Where do we go from here?"

The Museum will have no general admission charge again this weekend. Programs already planned for Unity Day and the World Music Festival will be accompanied by another concert by the Chicago Children's Choir at 11:15 a.m.; a performance of an original piece, "Surviving Violence," by our own Teens Together Ensemble in Living Together and a Town Meeting on Saturday at 2 p.m. introduced by John McCarter. Panelists confirmed as of Thursday morning are:

Alaka Wali and Larry Heaney from The Field Museum
Azam Nizamuddin, Board of National Conference of Community and Justice & Member of Interfaith Community Council of Islamic Organizations
Terri Johnson, Executive Director of the Human Relations Foundation
Arjun Appadarai, cultural anthropologist, University of Chicago
Adele Simmons, Senior Associate, University of Chicago, Vice Chair, Metropolis 2020 & Field Museum Board of Trustees
Mara Tapp, Moderator

Major support for offering the Museum as a Community Gathering Place is being generously provided by The Boeing Company. Additional funding is provided by Nuveen Investments and The Chicago Community Trust.

Mary Ellen Munley,
Education

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Getty Grant Program has awarded **Holly Lundberg** and the Conservation Division of Anthropology a grant for $46,500.00. The grant will help support a comprehensive condition survey of the Field Museum's entire collection of Malvina Hoffman sculptures.

Malvina Hoffman was one of the foremost American sculptors of the twentieth century, and the Museum's collection is the largest ever created by Ms. Hoffman. Much of the collection derives from a commission undertaken by Malvina Hoffman, in the 1930's, to sculpt figures or groups of figures representing different cultures of mankind for an exhibition in the Museum's proposed Hall of Physical Anthropology. The collection is made up of life-size and small-scale sculptures cast in bronze and plaster and carved in stone that were modeled from indigenous peoples of the world. Heads, busts and full-scale figures and figure groupings were executed. In all, there are approximately three hundred and fifty sculptures.

Over time, the collection has suffered wear, damage and loss. Funding will allow the Museum to utilize the services of a noted sculpture conservator to undertake an object specific condition survey of the collection, and an assessment of the exhibition and storage facilities in which they are housed. The findings of the survey will be used to implement recommendations for conservation treatment and modification of exhibition and storage conditions as needed to ensure long-term preservation. The project is expected to begin in the winter of 2001-2002 and be completed summer 2002.

Go Online!

In addition to information about the E-Board interactive bulletin board on the Museum's Intranet, this week's Natural News Online features color photos of last Friday's remembrance gathering for the victims of the tragedy held in Stanley Field Hall on Friday, September 14. Visit http://intranet1/natural_news/photo_story.htm to view this collection of photos by Mark Widhalm.

Shedd
The World's Aquarium

News Release

For Immediate Release
Sept. 19, 2001

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Elaine Ackert, PCI
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"Man With Fish" Docks at Shedd Aquarium

First Permanent Balkenhol Sculpture in Midwest Unveiled in honor of Museum Week

(Chicago) - - The John G. Shedd Aquarium unveiled a new sculpture and fountain this morning on the Museum Campus in honor of Museum Week. The sculpture, "Man With Fish," is the first permanent exhibition in the Midwest of German-born and internationally-established artist Stephan Balkenhol.

The sculpture was unveiled by Lois Weisberg, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs; Ted Beattie, Shedd Aquarium president and CEO; Marian Pawlick, Shedd Aquarium board chairman; and William and Stephanie Sick. "Man with Fish" is a gift to Shedd Aquarium from former board chairman William N. Sick in honor of his wife, Stephanie.

"The unveiling of this sculpture is another chapter in the rich history of public art in Chicago. Man with Fish joins the unprecedented list of public art sculptures, including the Picasso and the Alexander Calder," said Weisberg. She called Man with Fish "a new landmark on our lakefront."

The sculpture, which is cast in bronze and painted, is centered on a mosaic dome depicting a tremendous variety of aquatic life. Water from the fish's mouth falls over the statue and mosaic dome and into a surrounding pool. It is located at Shedd Aquarium's west entrance, just south of main entrance

"We're very excited to unveil Mr. Balkenhol's first permanent outdoor sculpture in the Midwest to welcome our guests to Shedd Aquarium," said Beattie. "Balkenhol's sculpture is a significant contribution to Chicago's collection of public art and will be a jewel for the Museum Campus."

Balkenhol is best known for his carved wooden sculptures of people and animals that reflect a caricature-like style and humorous tone. Balkenhol's figures have no distinct hair or fashion styles, no gesture or expression - thereby allowing an appeal to a broad audience. While the figures are easily distinguishable from each other, they are uniformly young men or women that evoke the image of a modern day "everyman/woman."

"I want my figures to be as open as possible with regard to their character," Balkenhol said. "By omitting gestures, specific clothing and hairstyles, the figure becomes an 'everyday man' and can appeal to anyone, regardless of his or her state of mind. Gestures tend to harden the figure and define a precise moment. These figures are fluid in emotion and expression."

Balkenhol's work has been extensively exhibited throughout South Africa and Europe, including Germany, Spain, France, Switzerland and Denmark. Stephan Balkenhol was born in Germany in 1957 and currently lives and works in Karlsruhe, Germany, and Meisenthal, France.

Shedd Aquarium is supported by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District.

Tuesday's Tragedy: Resources

Information Web Links

New York City Emergency Information Page
http://www.nyc.gov/
Washington DC City Page
http://dc.gov/
For Chicago updates, please check the City of Chicago Home Page
http://www.cityofchicago.org/
Other information can be found at Yahoo.com
http://www.yahoo.com/
'New York City Bombing Check-in registry site' with links to lists of survivors, people searching for friends, etc.
http://www.shunn.net/okay/
CNN Information Pages:
Emergency Contact Information
http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/contacts.html
Partial Lists of Victims
http://www.cnn.com/2001/US/09/12/victims.list.ap/
Counseling information
http://fyi.cnn.com/2001/fyi/teachers.ednews/09/11/talk.trama/index.html

How to Help

Appeal to contribute blood by contacting the National American Red Cross or the Chicago Chapter in Illinois
http://www.redcross.org/
http://www.redcross.org/il/chicago/
Donate to the American Red Cross. You can do this at the Red Cross quickly through Amazon.com or through Yahoo.com
http://www.amazon.com/
http://www.yahoo.com/
Donate to the Salvation Army
http://www.salarmychicago.org/

Emergency Information Hotlines

Main Numbers:
NYC Emergency Information: 212-560-2730
NYPD Emergency Information: 212-741-4626 or 866-856-4167
FBI Information: 800-331-0075

Airlines:
American Airlines: 1-800-245-0999

United Airlines: 1-800-932-8555

United also has established its international toll-free numbers for friends or family members who want more information. Those numbers are:
The Netherlands: 020504051
Germany: 06966985407
Italy: 024829813
Belgium: 027133646
France: 0169199659

Victim Information:
Red Cross WTC Victim Information: 212-604-7285
WTC: AON Employees: 203-863-6380
WTC: Morgan Stanley Employees: 888-883-4391
WTC: Carr Future: 800-755-7620
WTC: Cantor Fitzgerald: 866-326-3188
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Fire Department and EMT Employees: 718-999-2541
Police Department Employees: 718-677-8238

New York City Hospitals:
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Other City Services:
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Training classes (continued):

Fire Safety Procedures

- Description: *This class will teach safety practices and procedures in the event of a fire within the Museum.*
- Who should attend: *All staff and volunteers.*
- Taught by: *Chicago Fire Department*

Personal Safety for Women

- Description: *This class will teach practices for ensuring safety for women in the workplace, at home and while traveling.*
- Who should attend: *All women staff members and volunteers.*
- Taught by: *Jeff Hawkins, Senior Manager, Protection Services*

Schedule of training (all training classes will be held in classroom "C"):

	Monday (9/24)	Tuesday (9/25)	Wednesday (9/26)	Thursday (9/27)	Friday (9/28)
9a – 10 a	*Fire Extinguisher Use*	*Proper Radio Communications*	*Fire Extinguisher Use*	*No classes*	*Fire Safety Procedures*
10a – 11a	*Emergency Evacuation Procedures*	*Emergency Evacuation Procedures*	*Emergency Evacuation Procedures*	*Evacuation Drill Review*	*Fire Extinguisher Use*
11a – Noon	*Fire Extinguisher Use*	*Fire Extinguisher Use*	*Fire Extinguisher Use*	*Proper Radio Communications*	*Fire Extinguisher Use*
Noon – 1p	*Emergency Evacuation Procedures*	*Proper Radio Communications*	*Personal Safety for Women*	*Personal Safety for Women*	*Fire Safety Procedures*
1p – 2p	*Personal Safety for Women*	*Fire Extinguisher Use*	*Emergency Evacuation Procedures*	*Fire Extinguisher Use*	*Fire Extinguisher Use*
2p – 3p	*Emergency Evacuation Procedures*	*Emergency Evacuation Procedures*	*Proper Radio Communications*	*Proper Radio Communications*	*Fire Safety Procedures*
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'New York City Bombing Check-in registry site' with links to lists of survivors, people searching for friends, etc.
http://www.shunn.net/okay/
CNN Information Pages:
Emergency Contact Information
http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/contacts.html
Partial Lists of Victims
http://www.cnn.com/2001/US/09/12/victims.list.ap/
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E-Board
interactive bulletin board

Guide for New Users

If this is your first visit, register using your full name or your Field Museum email address; otherwise **Login.**

The first page you see after you login is called the **top-level forum**, where all the main folders are stored.

To **navigate** to the subfolders, discussions and messages embedded in a main folder, click and follow the links to your destination. An outline of your path is visible at the top of the page and looks like this:

E-Board > Human Resources FAQ >

You can return to any upper-level folder or discussion by clicking the appropriate location on the link text.

You can **post a message** in any discussion (but not directly into a folder). To **start a discussion**, click Add Discussion. To post a message in a discussion, click the Post Message button, type your message, add any attachments or links you desire, and click the Post My Message button.

You can also **subscribe** to different discussions by navigating to a specific location and clicking the Subscribe button.

By subscribing, you will receive **email notification** of NEW messages posted in the specified folder or discussion. You can receive the subject of the message and a link to the page or the entire message, and you have the option to reply by email.

More help can be found on the bulletin board (http://10.10.10.53/cgi-bin/WebX) in the User Tutorial and Tour folder or by contacting the Webmaster (webmaster@fmnh.org)

BOOKWMN Speaks

By Paula Ramos

The book is *Nickel and Dimed,* by Barbara Ehrenreich. You must read this book. The working poor are all around us and their children are our children. Ms. Ehrenreich, by telling the hopelessness experienced on a never-ending daily basis, by the ever-growing number of people working minimum wage jobs, often two at a time, speaks in the voice I have been using for years on behalf of the ever-growing number of struggling American families.

Trying to get a good nights rest after reading this book, will reawaken even the most cynical person's social conscience, and will be like trying to sleep with a mild toothache; just when you think it has gone away, back it comes to disturb you. I, like the author, live a very comfortable life, almost embarrassingly so, as I know many people who do not. Ms. Ehrenreich recognizes in her book, what I have known for years; the working poor are not a lazy, shiftless lot; they are good people; hardworking, intelligent people; many educated, holding one or more degrees and yet they struggle financially beyond what many of us can imagine. Americans have long considered food, shelter and a fair wage job, where there is an opportunity to advance in their company and be treated with respect, a birthright. This tradition must be carried on not only because it is right and just, it is basic common sense and a good business stratagy.

America with a large and financially secure middle class is the America I, as did Ms. Ehrenreich, grew up knowing. That America helped form my can-do-no-problem-anything-is-possible-you-cannot-keep-me-down-spirit. Today, I see and Barbara notes in her vignettes, too many mothers and children who do not have this America available to them and it is impossible to educate a hungry child who does not know where they will be sleeping from day to day. I know this to be a true fact, as I was privileged to teach Chapter One, remedial reading classes, for seven years; the last of President Johnson's Great Society programs; still successful and in place in schools across America. Lyndon Johnson—a man of great vision who deeply cared for his "fellow Americans" and frequently a much-maligned President for not being able to end a war that he did not start—was responsible for this program. The far-reaching good Chapter One did in my community alone has made up for any mistakes, the often misunderstood, LBJ made in other areas.

Ms. Ehrenreich's book is not without humor and most certainly shows the strength and courage that so many Americans must muster-up every morning just to survive another day. John Frazier, formerly from Education here at The Field had this message at the bottom of all of his E-mails: "Those who say you can't change the world...haven't tried."

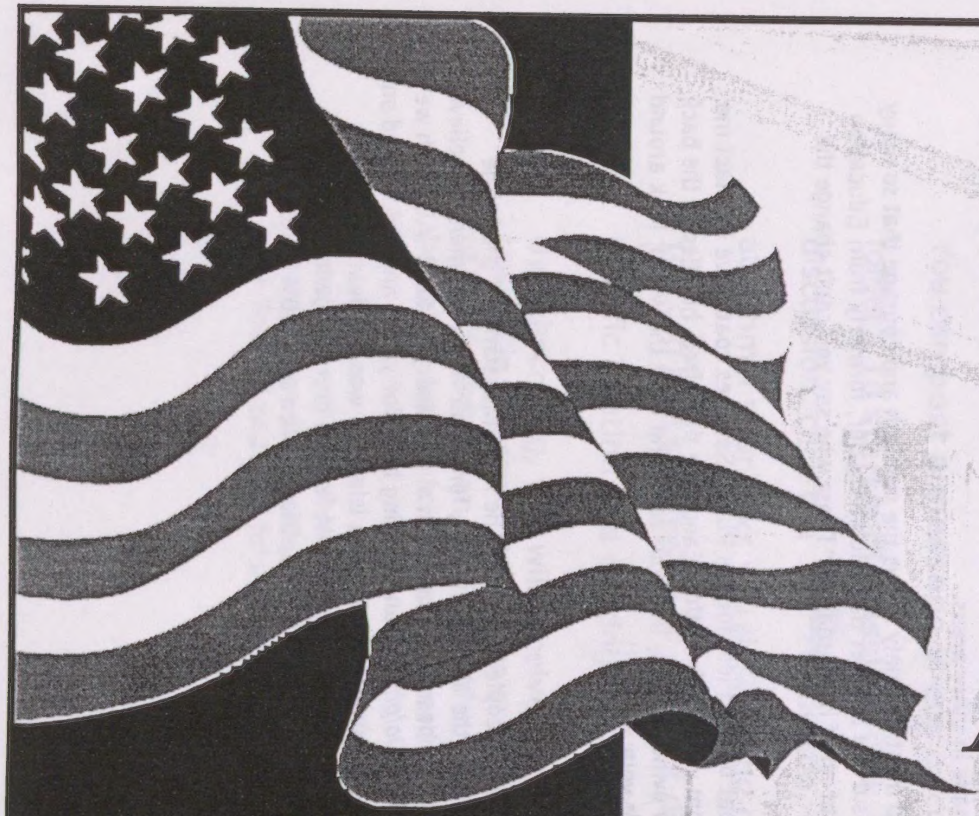
Please remember to bring that extra un-used coat to The Field for the Public Services coat drive (contact me at ext. 7913 for a speedy and cheerful pick-up from your work station!) and give that tired, huddled in the back of your closet coat, yearning to breath free, a new owner! Then, live your faith and light the world; look around you and give a helping hand to someone who needs your support!

There but for the grace of God, go I – Saint Francis

Diana Reagan is one of the most cheerful and helpful people I know at The Field Museum and she is The Reader of the Week! Diana says, "I've worked here, in the Museum stores, for a year and eight months; believe me, The Museum Store has plenty of history books to choose from; books on almost every culture! Although we don't have this book, (yet, at least) Island of *The Blue Dolphins* is an inspiring book for young and old. Based on a true story, it's about a California Indian girl's will to survive alone on an island. I was captivated by her bravery and intelligence. The book is so vividly written, that I could almost feel the breeze blowing across my face! This book was actually made into a very good movie." Thank you, Diana! You are 100% on target about both!

Paul Baker...

...is on vacation. He will let you know how the food was.



A Community Gathering Place

Saturday Only Town Meeting

Join us from 2-4 p.m. for an open Town Meeting with community leaders and scholars to provide perspective on the importance of cultural diversity and the history of global conflict.

For more information, call 312.922.9410 or visit www.fieldmuseum.org

The Field Museum

00 South Lake Shore Drive

On Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 The Field Museum will open its doors free-of-charge to help the community reflect and understand recent events.

As a gathering place for the community, The Field Museum welcomes people of all cultures, faiths and ages and invites everyone to:

- **Visit exhibitions that explore the world and its people**
- **Participate in Chicago Unity Day and World Music Festival programs, including live music, stories and hands-on activities** (Saturday Only)

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